



SERIHA-SAMA!

EVERYONE...

WHERE'VE
YOU BEEN?!

◆ Chapter 34 ◆

「The Shallow One」



THERE'S
SOMEONE I'D
LIKE YOU ALL
TO MEET.

CLICK...

**COM
MOTION**

**MIZUTANI
AZUSA?!**



THAT'S
RIGHT,

**SERIHA-
SAMA, ISN'T HE
OKITSU RISE'S
BOYFRIEND?!**

...AREN'T YOU,
MIZUTANI-KUN?

MEANING HE'S
A VICTIM, TOO.

HE'S VERY
HEARTBROKEN...



...WHERE'S
OKITSU RIGHT
NOW?

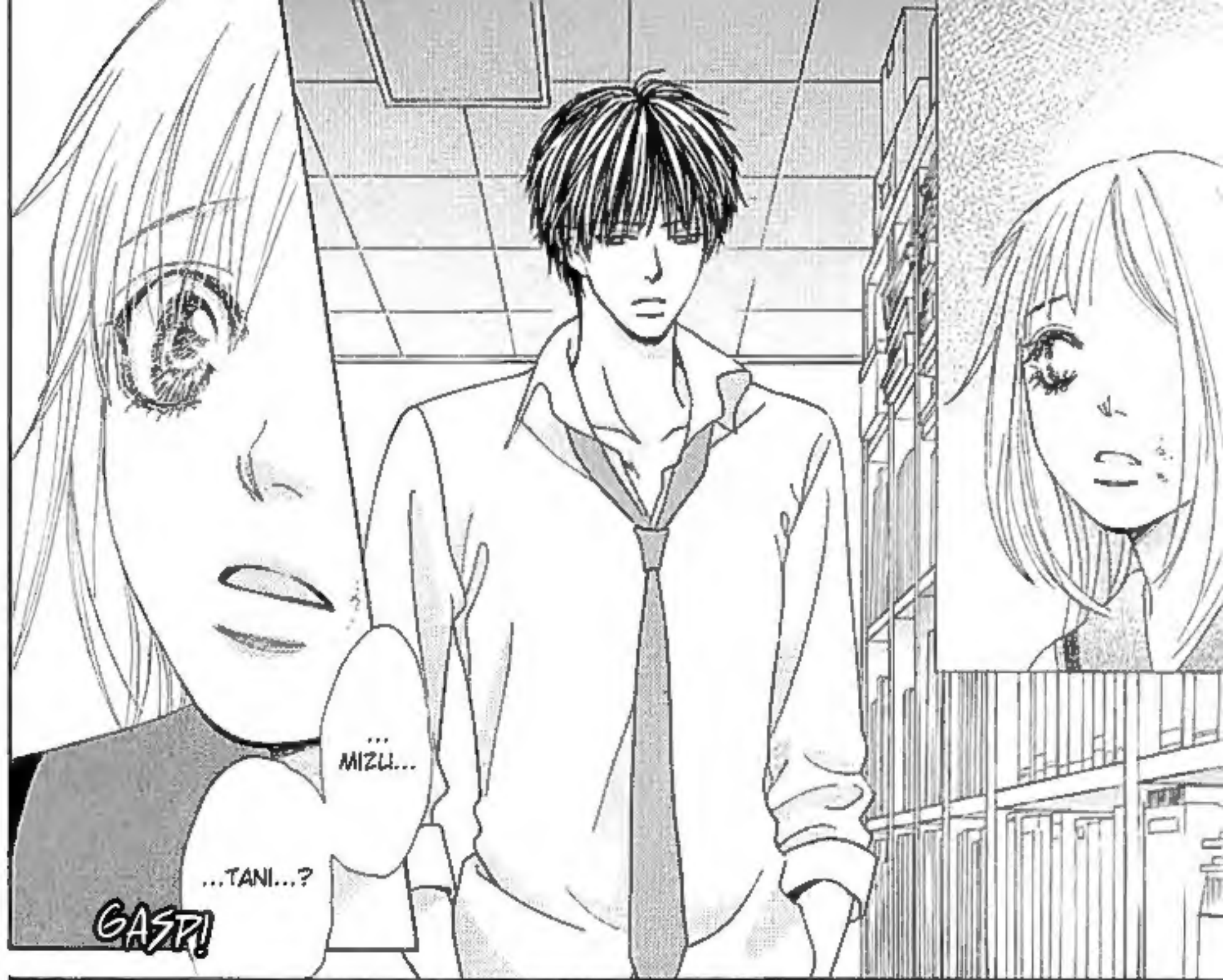


SOMEONE LIKE
ME SHOULD JUST
DISAPPEAR.

...IT'S ALL
MY FAULT.

I HURT
SERIHA...

I CAUSED
TROUBLE FOR
AKAMARU-
KUN...



GASP!

...TANI...?

...
MIZU...




**YOU WERE
CAPTURED,
TOO?!**



...EH?


YOU BROUGHT
ALL THIS UPON
YOURSELF...




...BUT, REALLY,
IT SEEMS LIKE I
WAS THE ONLY
ONE WHO DIDN'T
KNOW.

...I WAS
GOING TO
STEP ASIDE
FOR YOU,


...IF YOU
WANTED
ME TO,



THIS HAS BEEN
HAPPENING EVEN
WHEN WE FIRST
STARTED GOING
OUT, RIGHT?



...WHAT'RE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT...?



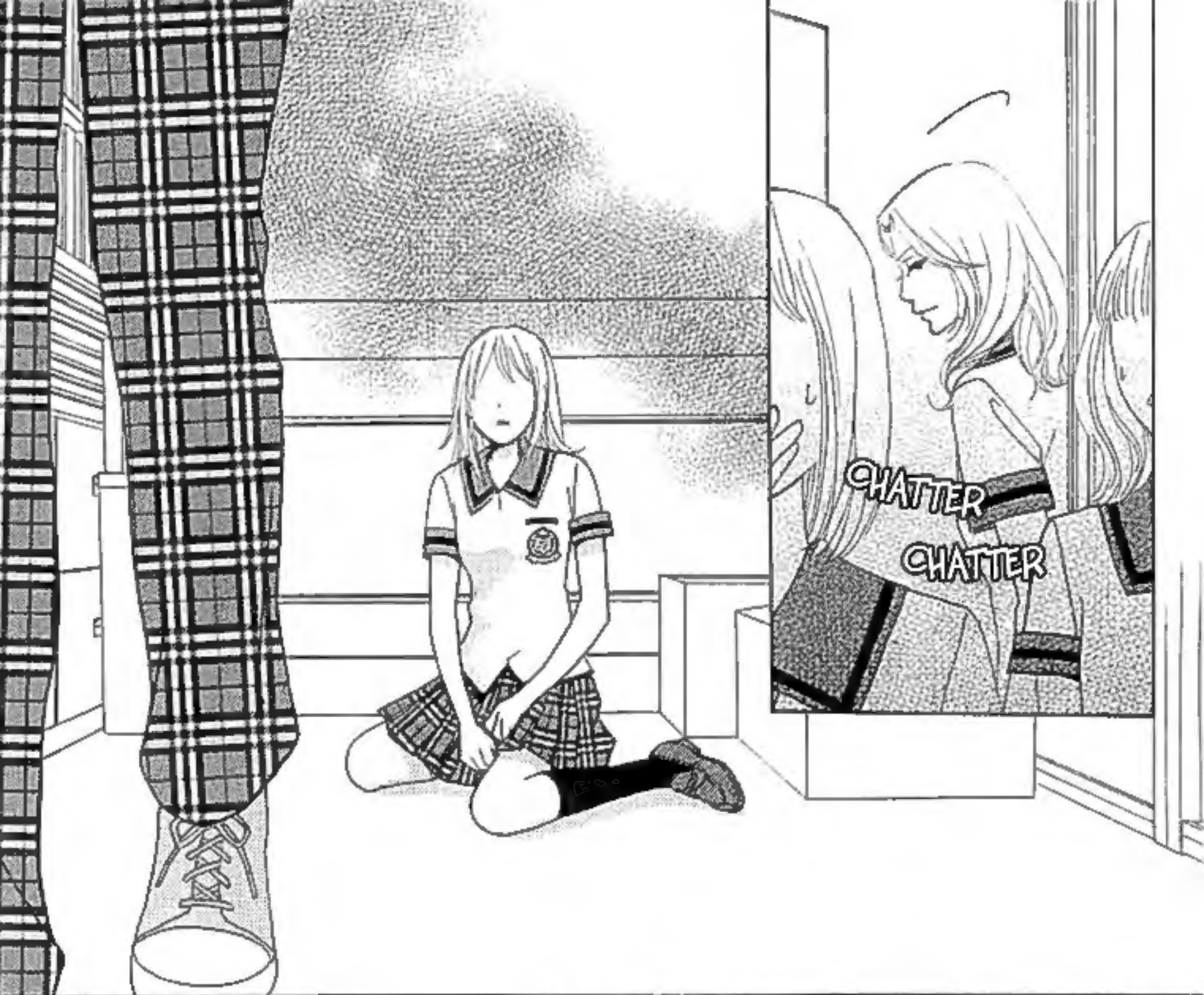
YOU TWO'VE
BEEN GOING AT
IT LIKE RABBITS,
HAVEN'T YOU?



SLAP

...SAYING
THINGS LIKE
THAT...?

...EVEN
YOU'RE...



JUST WHAT
AM I SUPPOSED
BELIEVE IN...?



...WERE ONLY
DELUSIONS.



...NOTHING'S
CHANGED SINCE
BACK THEN...



THE FRIENDS I
TRUSTED WOULD
STAY BESIDE ME
FOREVER...





Is Okitsu
there?!

Where
are you?!


...OMI.

**SAKU-
RAI!!!**

If you
become mine
for real,

I'll
release
her.


I'M GIVING
YOU ONE LAST
CHANCE.



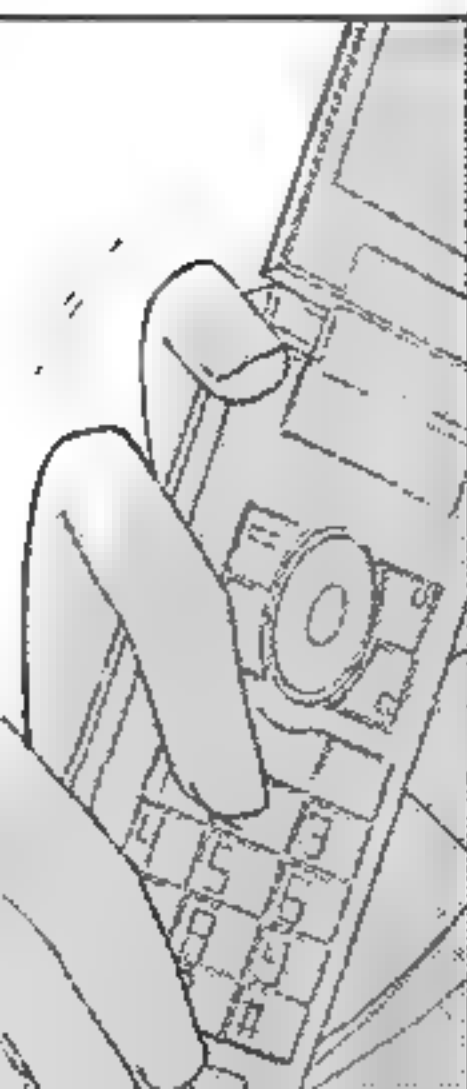
I want to
control all
of you



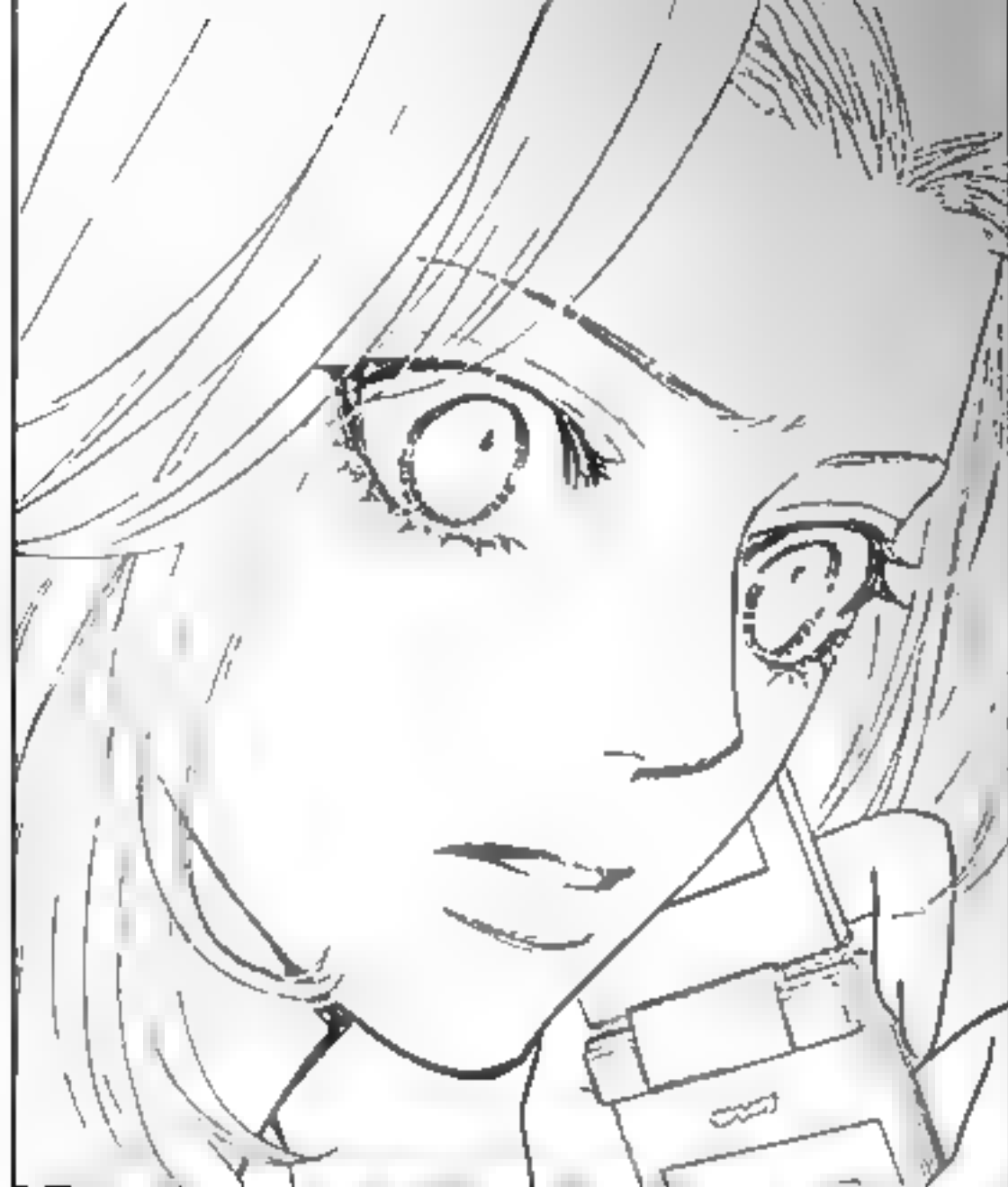
You'll do
it, right?
For Okitsu
Rise.



"Whose fault do
you think it is that
all this happened in
the first place?"



"It's all because you
tried to deal with this
whole thing in such a
roundabout way."



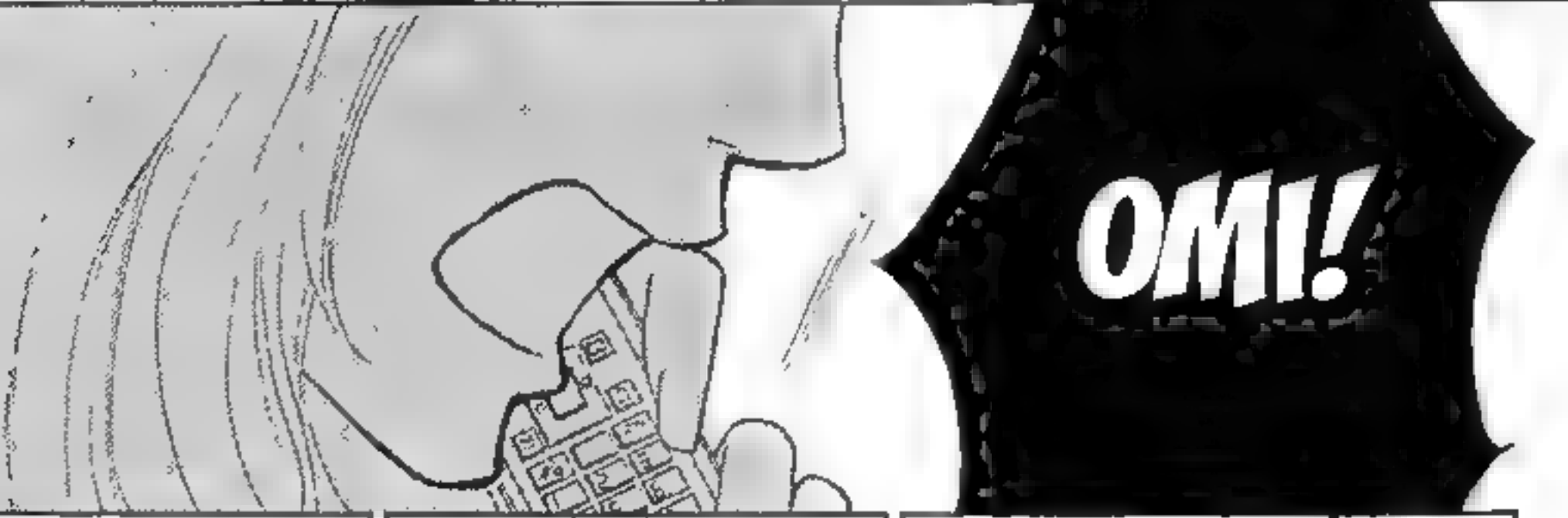
...I CAN'T...



I...



...DO IT.





Re :

Whose hair do you
think that is?

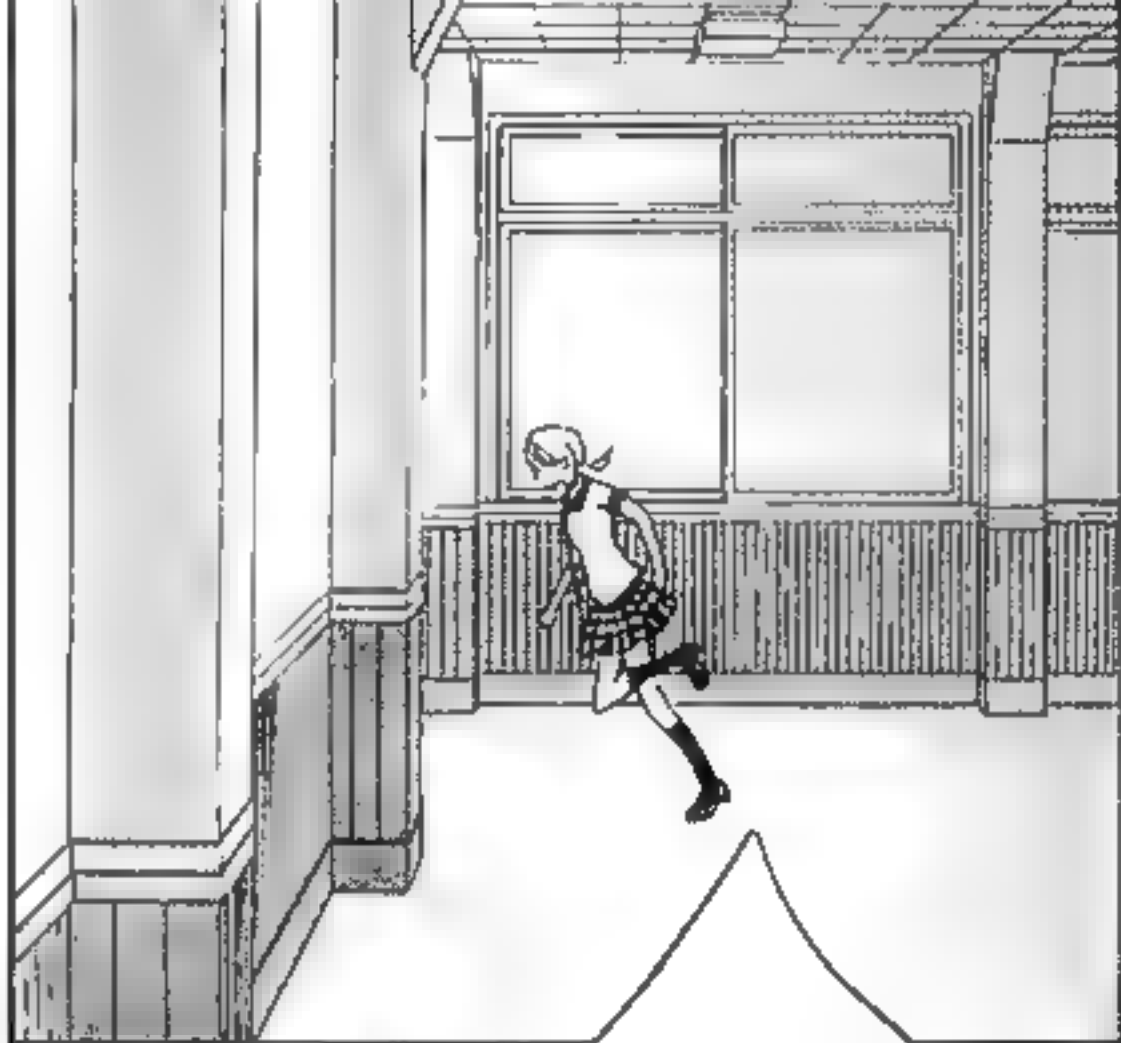


**SAKU-
RAI!!!**



**OKITSU RISE'S
ESCAPED!**

**GET
HER!**



OKITSU!

DASH





Akamaru-
kun...♡

I gotcha!

VICTORY!♡



YOU...!!!

FLINCH

BAK

KYA!



COLLAPSE



I ACCIDENTALLY
TURNED THE STUN
GUN UP TO MAX. I
WONDER IF HE'S
OKAY.

↓
HE DIDN'T DIE,
RIGHT?

timidly... ↓

SOMEONE,
GO CHECK
ON HIM.

...DID IT WORK
THIS TIME...?

↓
THAT WAS
SCARY

I HOPE
THIS MAKES
SERIHA-SAMA
HAPPY.



ba-thump ♡





...HEY, DON'T
YOU THINK WE
SHOULD GET
SOME, TOO?

I MEAN, ONCE
SERIHA-SAMA'S GOT
HIM, THERE'S NO WAY
WE'RE EVER GOING
TO GET OUR HANDS
ON HIM AGAIN.

JUST A TEEENY
TINY BIT

NO FAARR!

Lemme
touch him
too!

It's the
first time
I'm seeing
Akamaru-kun
from so close
up! ♡♡

KYA!

HIS HAIR'S
SO SOFT AND
FLUFFY!

WHAT
SMOOTH
SKIN

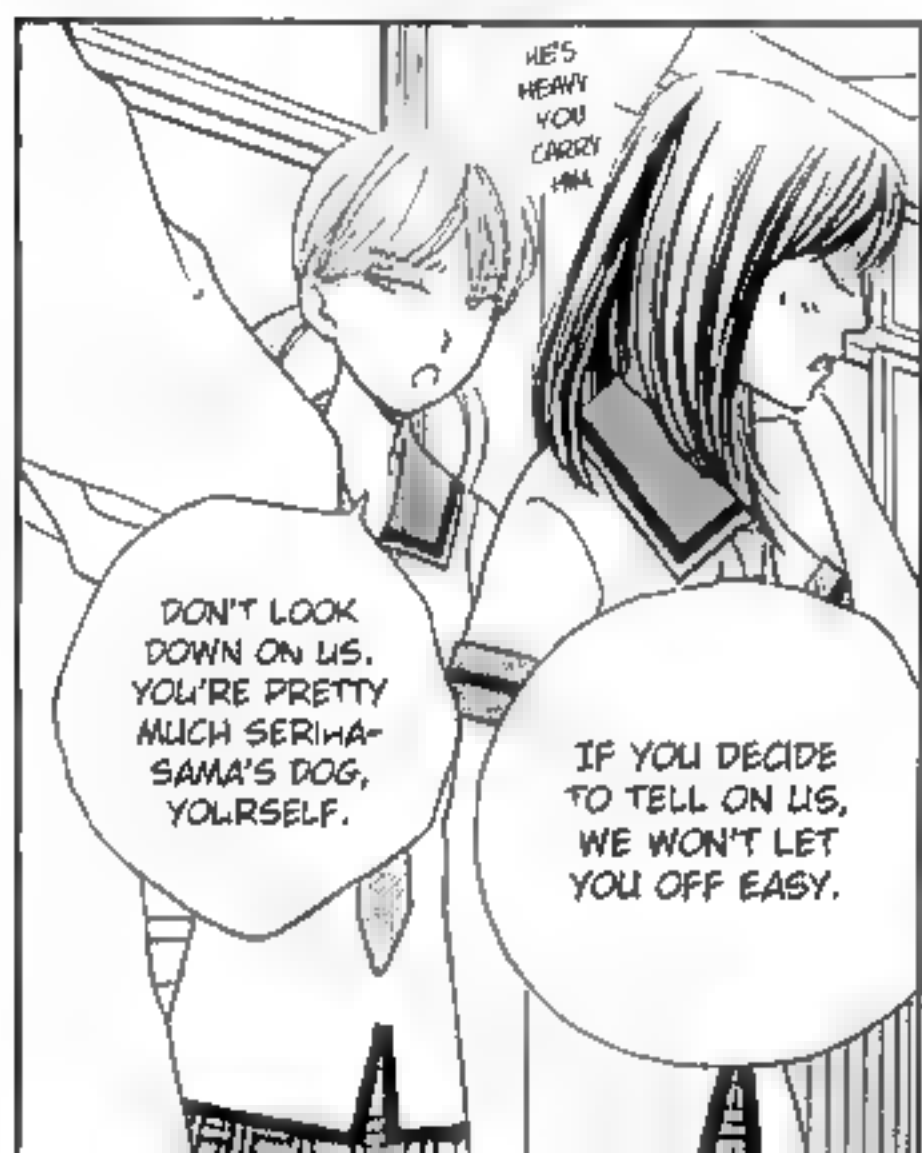
SUCH LONG
EYELASHES...

TEE HEE!
TOOK A
PHOTO!

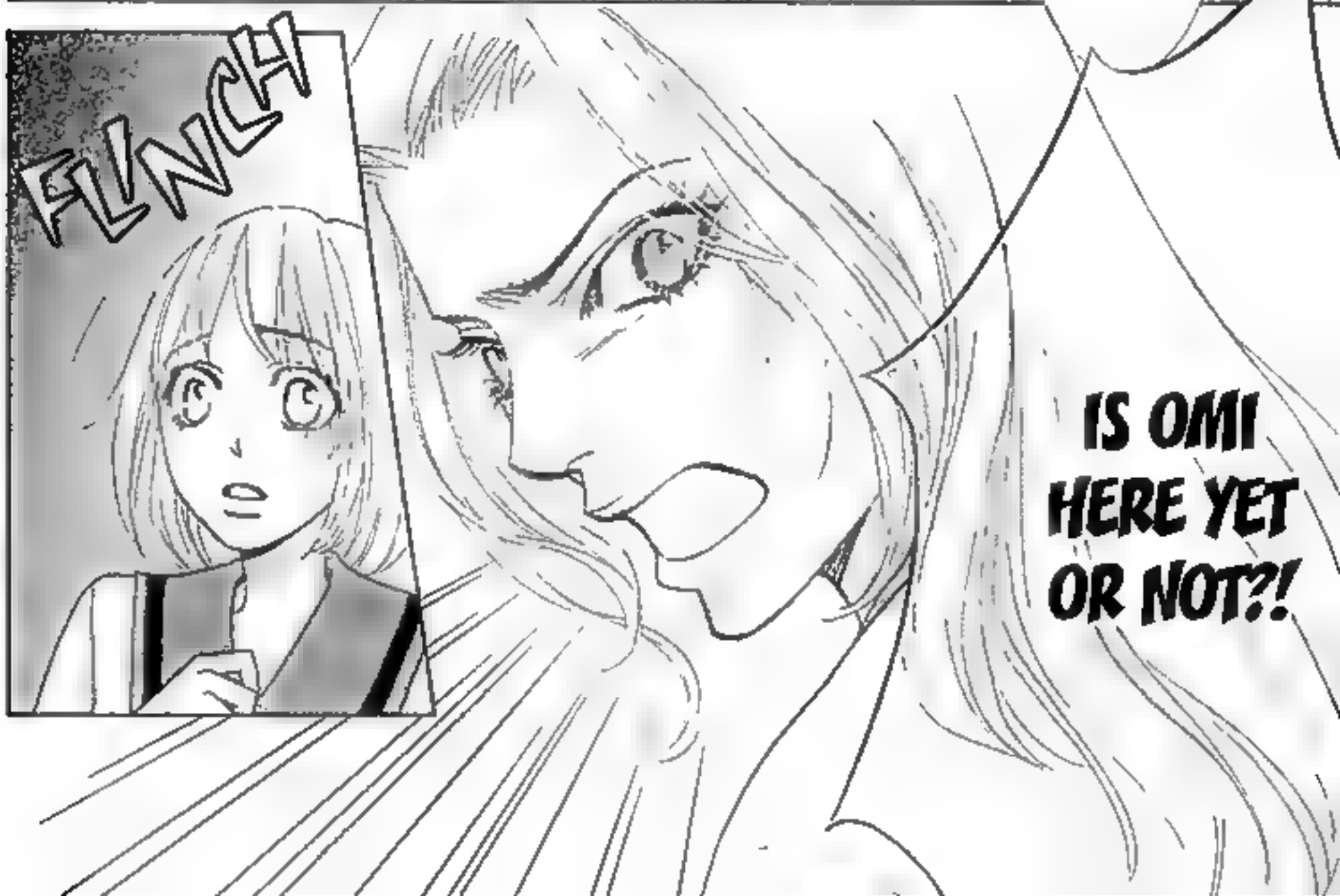
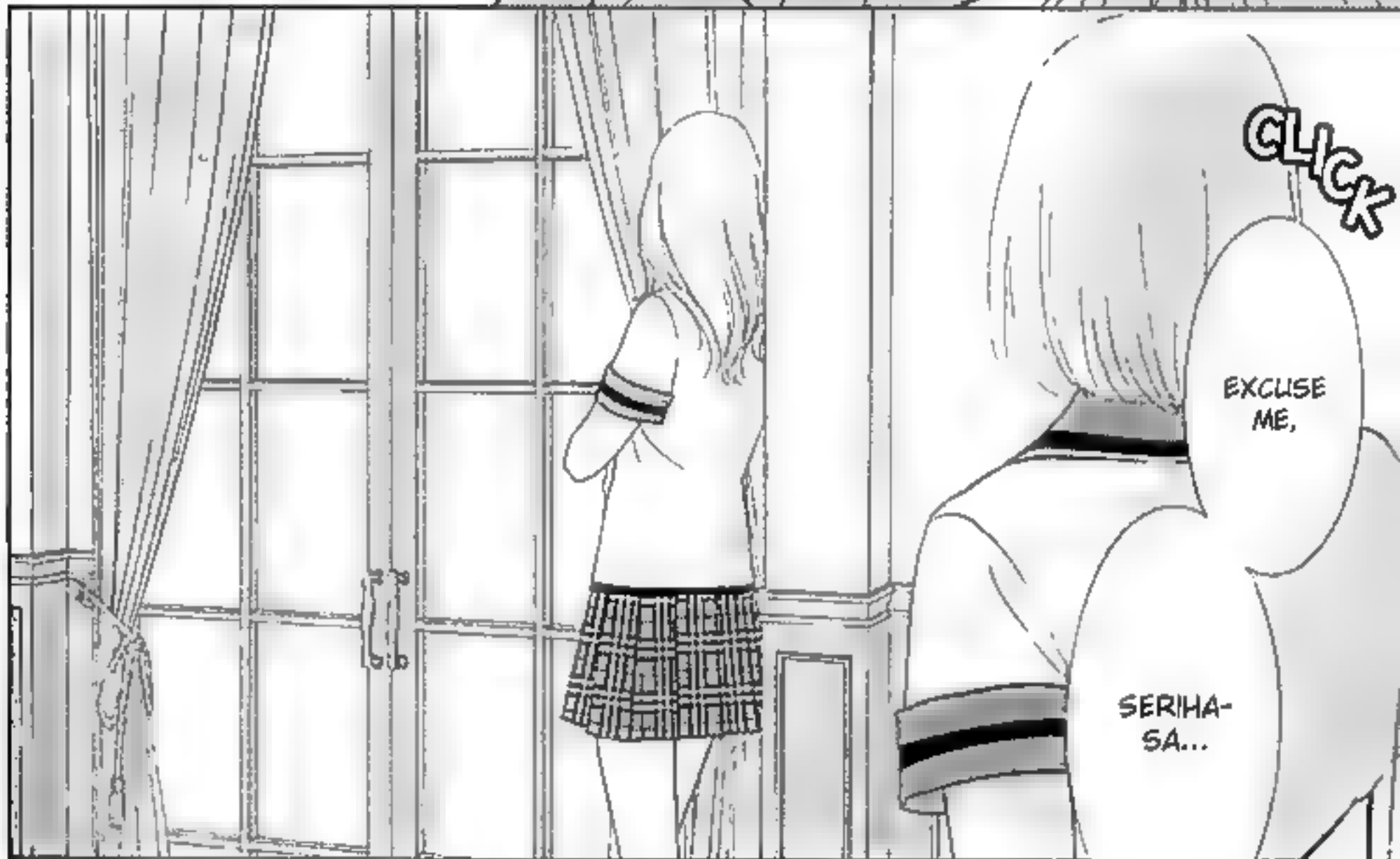
POP...

POP

POP











SAKURAI-SAN
THINKS SO, TOO,
RIGHT?!

FUWA-SAN
SHOWED ME
THE TEXT THAT'S
BEEN FLOATING
AROUND THIS
MORNING.

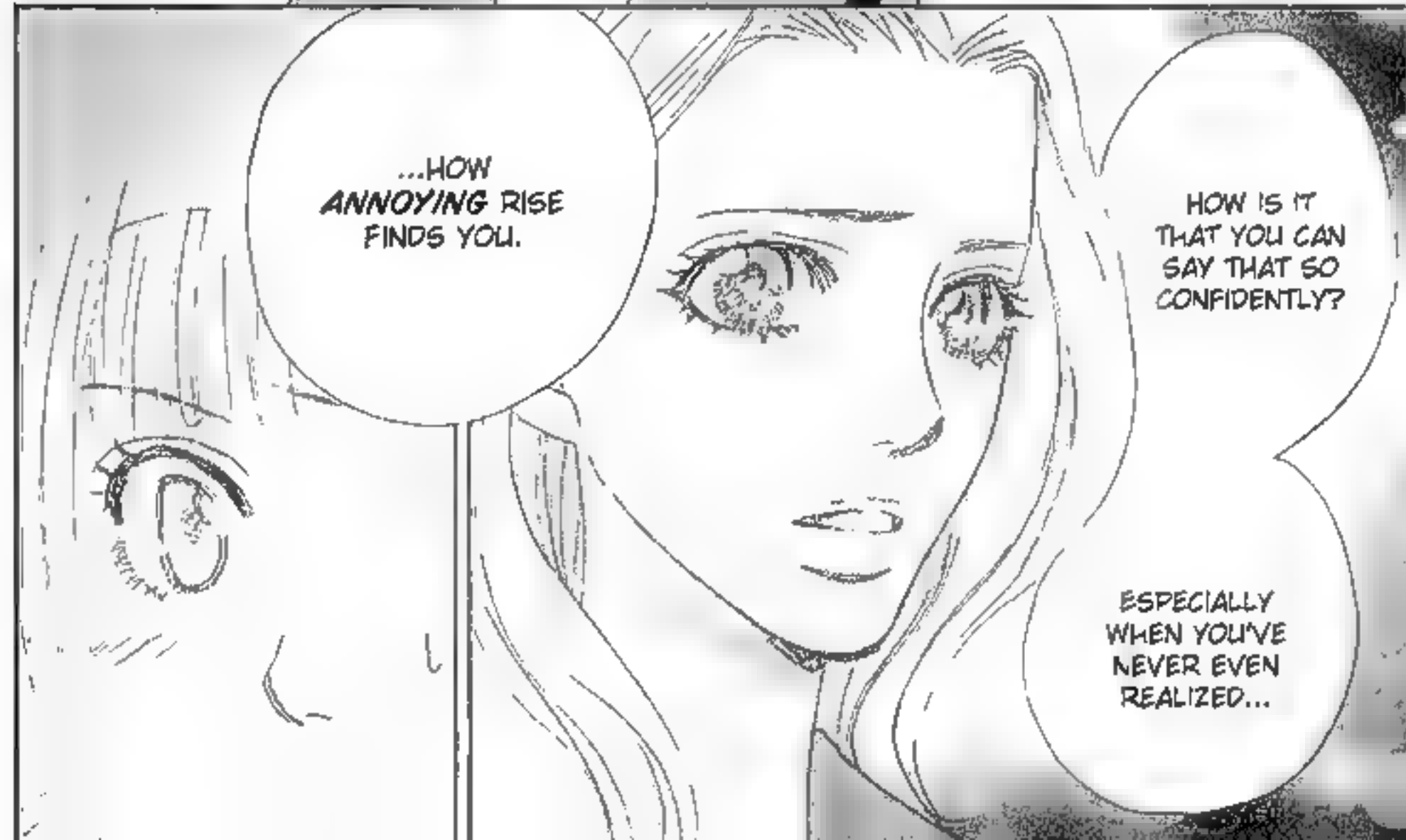
IT'S SO
MESSED UP!



RISE-CHAN
WOULD NEVER DO
ANYTHING TO HURT
HER FRIENDS!

DON'T YOU
HAVE ANY
FAITH IN HER,
SAKURA-SAN?


...WHY?



...HOW
ANNOYING RISE
FINDS YOU.

HOW IS IT
THAT YOU CAN
SAY THAT SO
CONFIDENTLY?

ESPECIALLY
WHEN YOU'VE
NEVER EVEN
REALIZED...




MAYBE IT'S YOU
WHO UNDERSTOOD
RISE THE LEAST?




OH,
THAT'S
RIGHT...



...HERE. DOES
THIS LOOK FAMILIAR
TO YOU AT ALL?




IT'S THE PENCIL
CASE YOU MADE FOR
HER, ISN'T IT?



RISE SAID IT
WAS USELESS, SO
SHE THREW IT INTO
THE INCINERATOR

HOW CRUEL.

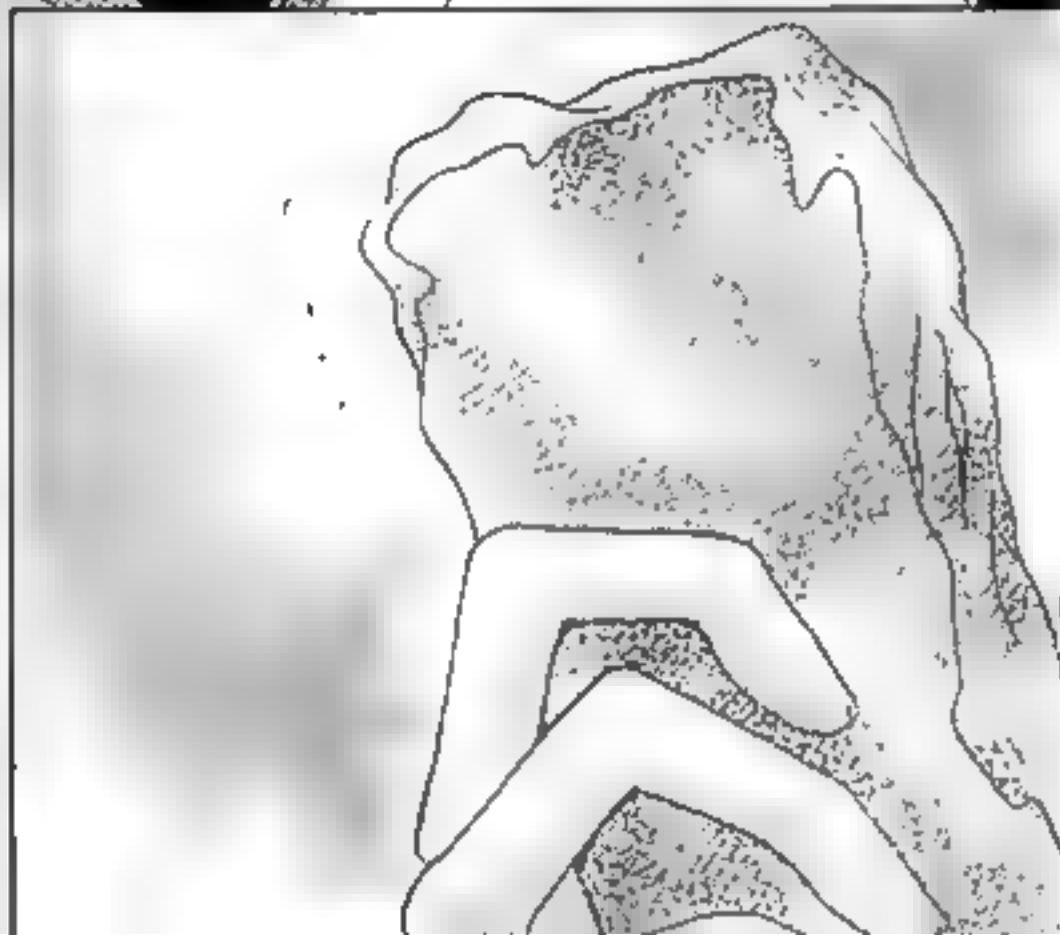


...CAN YOU STILL
BRING YOURSELF TO
PUT YOUR TRUST IN
SOMEONE LIKE THAT?

YOU'RE
A VICTIM IN
THIS, TOO.

TOUCH

...I KNOW
HOW YOU
FEEL.





FUWA-
SAN...

URGH! SO
IRRITATING!



I MEAN, SURE,
YOU'RE A BIT... NO,
LET ME REPHRASE
THAT - YOU'RE
REALLY ANNOYING,

JUST
THINK
FOR A SECOND!!!

WHY WOULD
ANYONE GO OUT
OF THEIR WAY TO
DO SOMETHING
SO POINTLESS?!



BUT SHE EVEN
LIKES *THAT* PART
OF YOU! THAT'S
WHY SHE'S STUCK
WITH YOU ALL
THIS TIME!

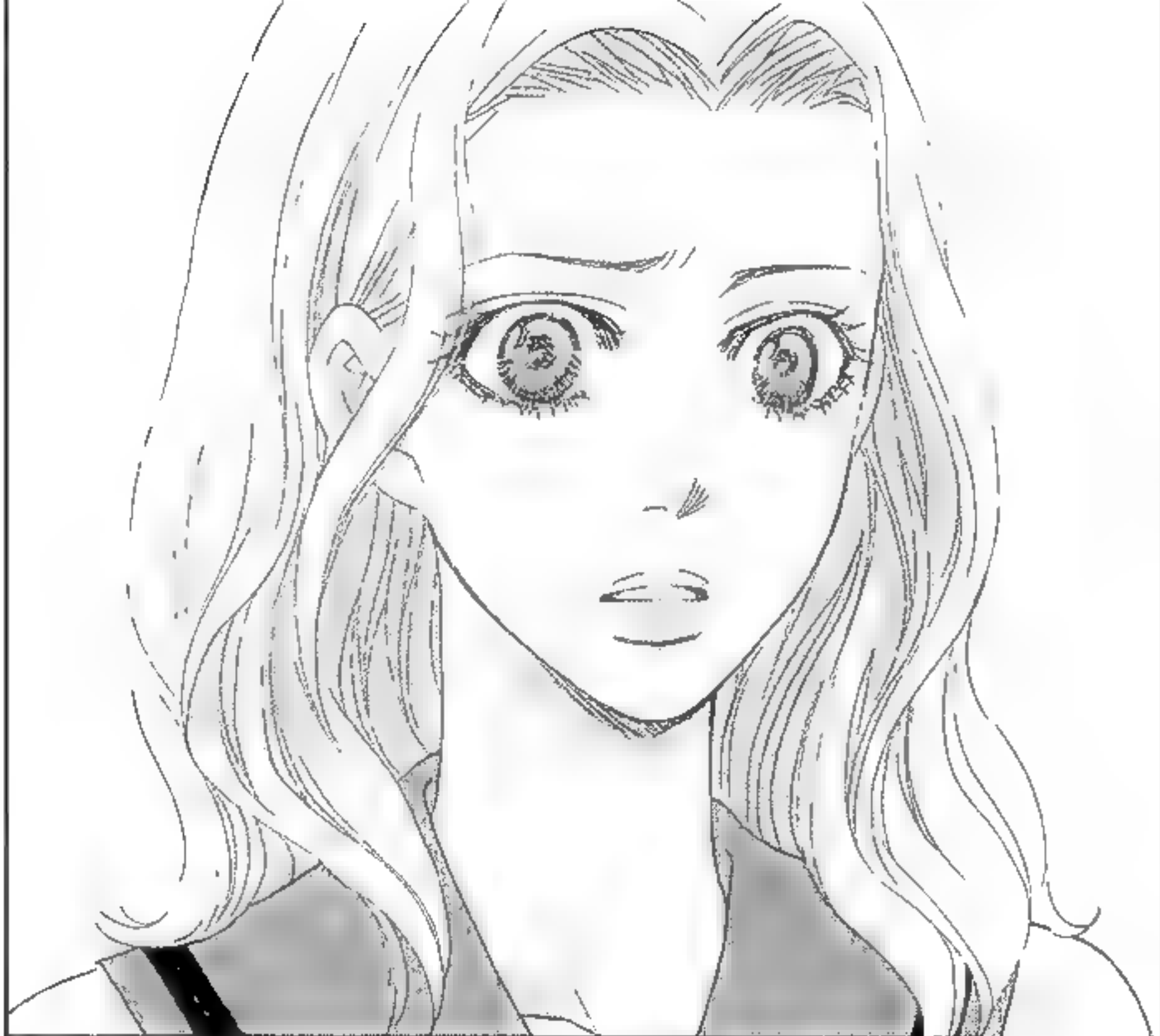
FUWA-SAN,
THANK YOU.

HMPH

GLARE

...IF YOU
CAN DOUBT
RISE-CHAN,

THEN WHAT
IKU FEELS FOR
RISE-CHAN IS
WAAAY, WAAAY
MORE THAN THAN
WHAT YOU DO!



...EVERY
SINGLE ONE
OF THEM...

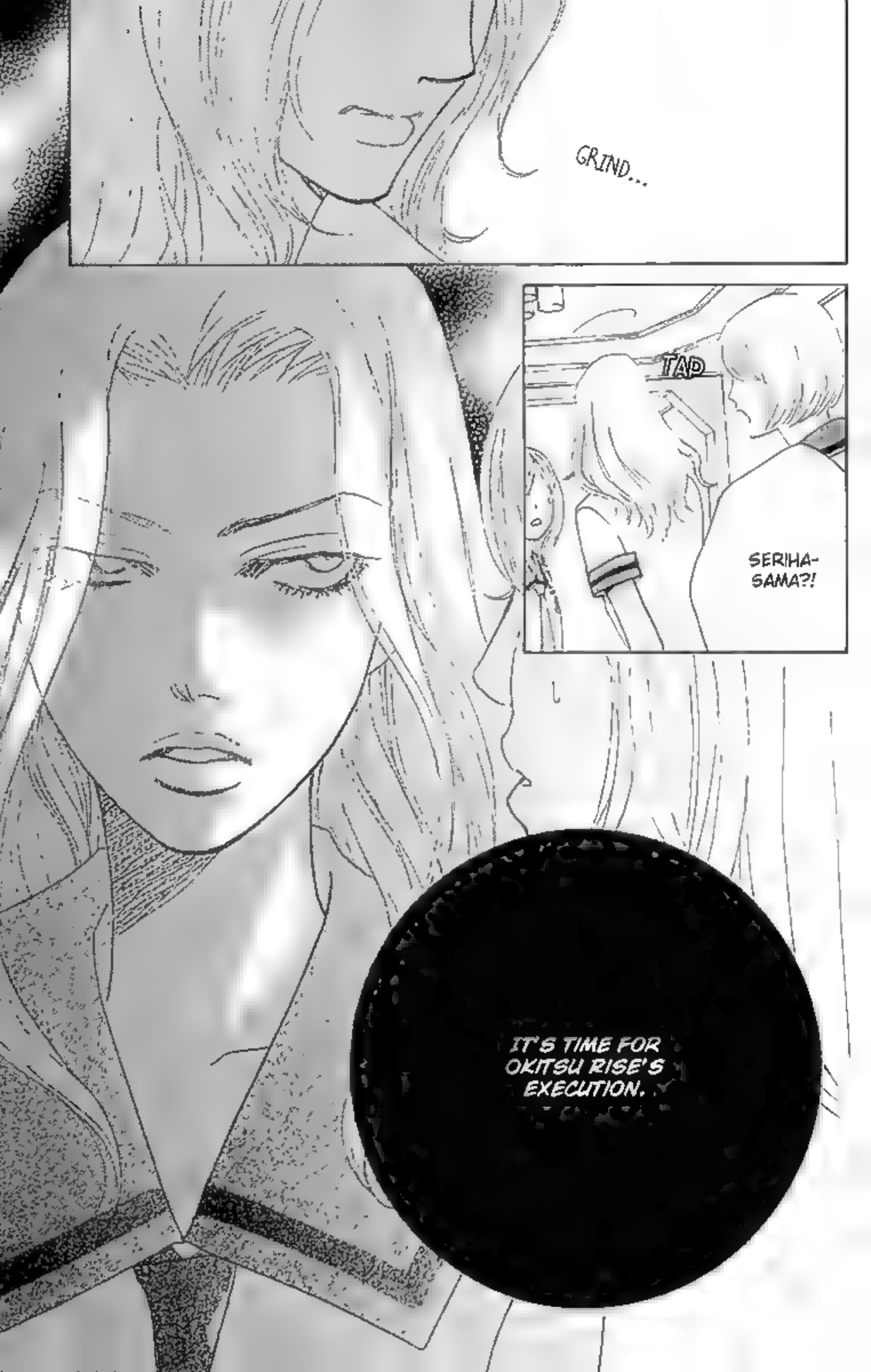


...BELIEVE
IN THAT
WOMAN...

WHAT'S
GOING ON?
THIS...

...IS SO
GROSS.





GRIND...



TAP

SERIHA-
SAMA?!

IT'S TIME FOR
OKITSU RISE'S
EXECUTION.

...I HAVE
NOTHING
LEFT.



...NO.

MAYBE I
NEVER HAD
ANYTHING
TO BEGIN
WITH.

KER-CHAK*

STEP
STEP





YOU LOOK
PATHETIC.

SERVES
YOU RIGHT.

A Random Name*



*PR: Name: a rough draft for a manga, similar to a storyboard.



**TL: Katsuobushi: dried, fermented and smoked skipjack tuna

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